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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Ruitang Deng, et al.

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: Examiner: Jon E. Angell

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: Group Art Unit: 1635

TITLE: Compositions and Methods For Protecting

Animals From Lentivirus-Associated Disease

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on June 20, 2002, and having an original period for response of 3 months, which expired on September 20, 2002, be extended by 3 month(s), such that it expires on December 20, 2002.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge the amount of \$920.00 as stated under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

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